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## India

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### **Timeline for Declaration of Trans Fat Food Labels Gets Extension**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) postponed the compliance date for labeling requirements on the declaration of class title, trans fat and saturated fat content of food products until June 30, 2017.

## **General Information:**

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On March 2, 2017, FSSAI issued a notification to extend the compliance date only for declaration of class title, trans fat content and saturated fat content on the labels of all food products. The new date for compliance is June 30, 2017. The notification also states that the compliance date for limits of trans fat levels not more than 5 percent by weight, will continue to remain effective February 28, 2017.

### Background:

On December 1, 2016, FSSAI had issued directions to extend the compliance timeline for both declaration of class title, trans fat content and saturated fat content on food labels and maximum limits of trans fats in food products until February 27, 2017 (See GAIN [IN6110](#)).

FSSAI's notice is attached at the end of this report and can also be accessed from their website <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

**F.No. 3305-01/REG/FSSAI/2016**  
**Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**  
(A Statutory Authority established under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006)  
(Regulation division)  
**FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110 002**

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Dated, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017

**Subject: Direction under Section 16 (5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 regarding compliance of Notification No. 1(94)2015/Notification P&L/Enf/FSSAI dated 25th May, 2016 relating to declaration of class title, trans fat content and saturated fat content on label of the food products.**

Reference is drawn to Notification No. 1(94)2015/Notification P&L/Enf/FSSAI dated 25th May, 2016 published in the Official Gazette of India regarding declaration of class title, trans fat content and saturated fat content on the label of food products and subsequent extension of timeline for compliance with this notification vide direction issued on 30th July, 2016 and 1st December, 2016.

2. After due consideration of representations received from some stakeholders, requesting for deferment of implementation of the said regulation for the purpose of utilizing the existing stock of their packaging materials, the time line for compliance of Notification No. 1(94)2015/Notification P&L/Enf/FSSAI dated 25th May, 2016 is hereby further extended upto 30th June, 2017. However, Food Business Operators shall comply with Notification No. 4/1505/30/2011 dated 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 with respect to the maximum limit of trans fatty acid as not more than 5% by weight with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in exercise of the power vested with Food Authority under Section 16(5) of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



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To

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